

Claims

I claim:

1. A lockable key comprising
 - 5 a handle,
 - a flange,
 - a shaft,
 - a first spring,
 - a second spring, and
 - 10 two depressible balls,
 - wherein
 - said handle is connected to the top of said flange,
 - said shaft is connected to the bottom of said flange,
 - said shaft provides two lateral appendages,
 - 15 said first spring is coiled around said shaft between said flange and said two lateral appendages,
 - said shaft terminates in a tapered region,
 - said tapered region provides apertures through which said depressible balls depend,
 - and said second spring is mounted internal to said shaft and acts to push said
 - 20 depressible balls outwardly through said apertures.

2. The lockable key of claim 1 further comprising a wedge member operative to push said depressible balls outwardly through said apertures.
- 5 3. The lockable key of claim 2 wherein the wedge member is a third depressible ball.
4. The lockable key of claim 1 wherein the tapered region has a flat end.
5. The lockable key of claim 4 wherein the flat end is removable for an application of a
10 lubricant.
6. The lockable key of claim 5 wherein the flat end provides a slot operative to allow a screwdriver to be used to adjust the flat end.
- 15 7. The lockable key of claim 4 wherein the flat end provides a hole for the application of a lubricant.